# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote handicrafts industry and the craftsmen involved therein;

(b) if so, the steps taken to promote soap stone granite figures and icon in Orissa;

(c) whether incentives are proposed to be provided to crafts persons who are engaged in manufacturing of these handicrafts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government is promoting handicrafts industry and the craftsmen involved by implementing various schemes for development and promotion of handicrafts which include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters; Marketing and Support Service Schemes; Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme; Export Promotion Scheme and Special Handicrafts Training Project. These schemes cover the artisans engaged in stone granite figures and icon of Orissa.

(c) & (d): Incentives are provided to artisans, including those engaged in stone granite figures and icon of Orissa. These include: skill development programmes under Special Handicrafts Training Project; conferring of Shilp Guru Award; National Award; National Merit Certificates; grant of old age pension to Awardees in indignant circumstances and providing various marketing platforms.